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Questions follow murder-suicide

Mother, son seemed to be 'very attached and very devoted'

By **ROBYN YOUNG**
Metro Halifax

With the exception of a collection of flower bouquets adorning the front garden at 6308 Willow St. yesterday in a makeshift memorial, no evidence of the murder-suicide that took place inside the home last

week remained.

City Police confirmed Saturday that the two bodies found inside the home Friday were Roberta Jollimore, 75, and her son Greg Jollimore, 52. They also confirmed the deaths were the result of a murder-suicide.

"It's believed from our investigation that he (Greg) took his mother's life and then his own," said police spokeswoman Theresa Rath.

Firefighters gained access to the home around 2:30 p.m. Friday after a co-worker of Greg Jollimore —



kind and well-liked

» Neighbours said Roberta Jollimore had been ill with Parkinson's disease for a number of years. They said she was kind and well-liked by the community, and she and her son had a tender and caring relationship.

who worked as a technician at Dalhousie University — became concerned that his colleague hadn't shown up for work in several days.

He first called police last Thursday and officers did a "well-being" check at the house Thursday night but no one answered the door.

The colleague called police again Friday when Jollimore still hadn't returned to work, and that's when police decided to enter the home.

Rath said she couldn't disclose the cause of death, but said there were no weapons involved.

A man living across the street from

the Jollimores said the incident was sad for everyone on the street.

"From what I understand, they were very attached and very devoted to each other," he said yesterday.

Some neighbours speculated the situation was a "mercy killing" because of Roberta Jollimore's illness, he said.

"My surmised would be the same," the neighbour, who did not want his name published, said.

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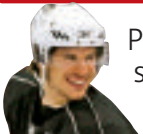


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Angels hit the streets

Metro Halifax reporter Paul McLeod accompanied the Halifax chapter of the Guardian Angels on its first patrol of the downtown core early yesterday morning. Although the Angels said they were encouraged by their first night on the job as part of the volunteer group, reaction to the Angels' presence outside Halifax bars was mixed. **Story, page 4.**

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Chief of Defence Staff Gen. Rick Hillier presented the crew of HMCS Corner Brook with the Canadian Forces Unit Commendation at a ceremony in HMC dockyard Friday. The commendation is awarded to units that have performed beyond the demands of normal duty. METRO HALIFAX

City struggling with crime

Violence serious problem: Report

By RACHEL BOOMER
Metro Halifax

Halifax has a real problem with violent crime, and it needs to start working to make residents feel safer, says a new report on violence and public safety.

"This isn't a figment of people's imagination," said Don Clairmont, director of the Atlantic Institute of Criminology, who wrote the report.

"People in HRM are extremely concerned about violence and public safety."

Clairmont pointed out that violent crime is 25 per cent higher in Halifax Regional Municipality than in

« *This isn't a figment of people's imagination. People in HRM are extremely concerned about violence and public safety.* »

Don Clairmont, director of the Atlantic Institute of Criminology

the rest of the province — not surprising, since we have 41 per cent of the provincial population. In 2004, the city ranked first in the country for self-reported victimization of violent crime.

Clairmont delivered a 104-page report, with 64 recommendations, to Halifax regional council Friday.

His first suggestion is that the city hire a full-time public safety co-ordinator, es-

tablish a race relations committee that meets regularly, and set up a community support office program, with 10 staff members, designed to help police deal with community crime issues.

Mayor Peter Kelly said he wants to hire a public safety co-ordinator "very quickly."

"We must find the money," Kelly said.

Kelly said the city will conduct yearly checkups to see whether it's improving public safety.

The report will next be debated at Halifax regional council's committee of the whole.

To read the full report, visit <http://www.halifax.ca/council/mayor/RoundtableonViolence.html>.

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Don Clairmont, the author of the violence and safety report delivered to regional council Friday, speaks to reporters.

Pair found dead faced 'challenging circumstances'

Son was caring for ill mom: Neighbour

By ROBYN YOUNG
Metro Halifax

A neighbour and close friend of Roberta Jollimore, found dead in her home with her son last Friday in an apparent

murder-suicide, says the family was facing "very challenging circumstances."

Holly Bell lives next door to Roberta and Greg Jollimore, whose bodies were found Friday afternoon at 3608 Willow St.

Roberta, 75, suffered from Parkinson's disease for many years and her condition had worsened in the last one or two years, Bell said.

She said she believes Greg Jollimore, 52, was doing everything he possibly could to care for his sick mother.

"And if he snapped — I don't know the details, we'll never know — but whatever happened, that doesn't shock me that something had to give," Bell said.

At 62, Bell has gone through caring for aging parents herself and said it's no small feat getting care for seniors or beds for them in nursing homes.

"It's not just a wave of a wand," she said. "We're not living in the old extended family of 150 years ago where there would be perhaps 10 family members to help out with an ailing senior."

Bell emphasized that both the Jollimores were good people. "And things like this can happen to good people," she said.

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Minorities more often victims

Race relations committee recommended

By RACHEL BOOMER
Metro Halifax

Too many black youths are in jail, and too many minority residents are becoming victims of violent crime, says the author of a study on violence and public safety in HRM.

Don Clairmont said Friday his research shows minorities are 1.6 times more likely to worry about violent crime than the population as a whole, and with good reason: they're 2.5 times more likely to have been victims of it.

"I can't believe we can't do better on this," Clairmont told reporters Friday.

He recommended the city establish a race relations committee that meets regularly, and that it hire more minority employees.

David Sparks Sr., head of the Dr. Martin Luther King project in Nova Scotia, organized a 2007 march in North Preston against violence.



David Sparks Sr. says the black community must work with the city to help improve public safety.

Sparks said Friday while the city isn't doing enough to get Halifax's black residents involved, the black community needs to become more politically active.

"It works both ways. We have a responsibility as well," Sparks said. "We've got to make more opportunities available to youth at risk; we've got to open up doors to integrate more into the mainstream."

Part of the problem, he said, is that African Nova Scotians in Halifax haven't reached consensus on what they need and want to improve lives.

Recommendations

› Some of the recommendations made in the report:

- › Hire a full-time city public safety co-ordinator.
- › Set up a city race relations committee.
- › Hire more minorities to work for HRM.
- › A new, community support office for police: 10 staff, eight of them working in the urban core.
- › Build a safe taxi pickup location downtown, and change licensing rules so there are more taxis on the road.
- › Expand Metro Transit service on weekend nights to help students stay safe.
- › Set up mental health and drug courts in HRM.
- › Expand restorative justice for serious or repeat offenders, and for adults. (It's currently only available to young offenders.)
- › Make catching and prosecuting violent, repeat offenders downtown a priority.
- › Create a treatment facility for out-of-control youth.
- › More housing, particularly supervised housing for adults and youths once they're released from jail.
- › More affordable recreation facilities in HRM.

Diabetes **Double duty**

Brothers Connor, middle, and Kyle Psiuk, 11 and 10, both have juvenile diabetes and worked as ambassadors for the Telus Walk to Cure Diabetes event yesterday at the waterfront. They helped organizers select winning tickets for a raffle.

Whiz kids head to D.C. bee

The words are likely to be as large as the stakes this week as 22 young Canadian spellers compete in Washington, D.C., at the Scripps National Spelling Bee.

The group of regional finalists from across Canada, including local regional winner Bethany Dickey, 12, of Dartmouth, competed in the Canwest Canspell National Spelling Bee in Ottawa last month, which secured them a

trip to the Scripps Bee. Dickey spelled her way through six fierce rounds at the national bee before the word "digitalis" tripped her up.

The whiz kids will tour Washington's sights and attend a reception hosted at the Canadian Embassy.

The Scripps competition begins on Thursday. Visit www.canspell.com for regular updates on the spellers.

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Teens get run of the House

Students stage debate exercise at legislature

By ROBYN YOUNG
Metro Halifax

A bill passed in the legislature over the weekend will lower the voting age to 16, but the members who passed it weren't much older than 16 themselves — and the passing of the bill was only an exercise.

Thirty-eight high school students from around the province took part in a model legislature at Province House that started Friday and finished yesterday afternoon.

Keith Lehwald, a Grade 12 student from Halifax West High School, said the bill debates were the best part and they were able to pass the voting-age bill but did not pass a bill that would give a 35 per cent tax credit to farmers who produce ethanol.



Alex Safatti, Maureen MacIsaac, Keith Lehwald, Neil West and Lee Mitchell all participated in the Education Department's "model legislature" over the weekend at Province House.

"The actual debates in the House, it was a great exercise in public speaking," Lehwald said. He plans to take a double major in political science and French when he heads off to university next year and said

he'll likely become a lawyer or politician.

This weekend's event was the sixth annual model legislature organized by the province's Department of Education.

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The Canadian Federation of Independent Business is lobbying the province to cut its gas tax. Leanne Hachey, Atlantic vice-president, says combined with other factors, gas taxes make it "difficult, if not impossible," for Nova Scotian businesses to compete.

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» **CHARGES** City Police have charged three men with trying to solicit a prostitute Thursday night. Two men, a 31- and 33-year-old, from Dartmouth and a 41-year-old from Stellarton, tried to pick up an undercover police officer posing as a hooker on Windmill Road.

» **CRASH** Three people were injured Friday evening when a car crashed into a home on Prospect Road. The driver of

the car and passenger were both in their 70s. RCMP said the driver did not negotiate a turn well, ending up in the home's kitchen. The two occupants of the car were taken to hospital with injuries and the homeowner, who was in the kitchen at the time, was taken to hospital with leg injuries.

» **COURT** A 21-year-old man from a well-known Nova Scotia

family will appear in Halifax provincial court today for a bail hearing on a number of weapons charges. Alexander Stuart Lindsay is charged with 10 Criminal Code violations including the trafficking of weapons and Customs Act violations. A stash of weapons ranging from handguns to submachine guns were found in his apartment and a storage unit May 14.

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The Municipal Tax System needs to change. We need your help!

The Tax Reform Committee is looking for public feedback on its ideas for a new tax system. The Committee believes a new tax system should be service-based, consider the ability to pay and be based on solid principles. They are also proposing that:

- There would be 9 municipal tax rates, each levied at a flat rate per home, defined by service: hydrants, solid waste, local roads, local transit, sidewalks, community recreation facilities, regional roads, regional transit, and a broad regional tax (for police, fire, libraries, and other costs).
- Multi-unit buildings (apartments and condos) would be taxed at a reduced rate.
- There would be an increase in support for lower-income families.
- The deed transfer tax would be eliminated.
- Assessment would remain on provincial services such as mandatory education.

The Tax Reform Committee will be holding the following Open Houses on municipal tax reform. Drop by, e-mail, call or write. We want to hear from you!

Monday, May 26th
Dartmouth Sportsplex, Common Room, 7-9 pm

Wednesday, May 28th
St. Agnes Church Hall, Halifax, 7-9 pm

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Bedford Lions Den, 7-9 pm

Wednesday, June 4th
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PAUL MCLEOD/METRO HALIFAX

Guardian Angels founder Curtis Sliwa, in town for the evening to lead the Halifax chapter's first patrol, discusses the night's events with a Halifax Regional Police officer.

First patrol draws mixed reactions

Angels encouraged by Saturday results

By **PAUL MCLEOD**
Metro Halifax

If anyone knows downtown Halifax at night it's Caesar.

Gary "Caesar" Julien is a popular street musician who plays outside the Dome nightclub every weekend. He has seen a renaissance in the last six months. He says the increased police presence has transformed the downtown from a Wild West environment to friendlier place.

"Since Christmas things have changed drastically for the better. It was black, now it's white," said Julien. "The police have changed their attitudes. They talk to the people more. They're smiling now. Before they weren't smiling."

But there's always some trouble, and that's why he was happy to see the Guardian Angels on their first patrol Saturday night. The more eyes looking out for people the better, he figures.

That's what Curtis Sliwa is hoping for. Sliwa led the freshly graduated Halifax patrol Saturday night as it

walked around the downtown core, aiming to keep the peace. The New York-based Angels founder said Halifax is unique because of its compact bar district and central hot spots like pizza corner.

As Sliwa and the new Halifax Angels — five men and three women ranging in age from 18 to 49 — walked

« I got bullied a bit in junior high, so I was always worried walking home. Nobody should really have to feel worried and look over their shoulder like that. »

Guardian Angel Brandon

around, the reaction from bar-goers was largely enthusiastic.

"You guys need to be here," said one woman eating pizza.

"If they stop one crime it's worth it," said 24-year-old Greg Branton. "If they stop one person from getting raped or robbed, then it's worth it, no matter all of that other (controversy)."

Many people stopped to shake hands with the Angels. A couple men openly joked with them, but left once po-

lice officers got close. The police were friendly with the Angels, sharing pointers throughout the night, even though police Chief Frank Beazley opposes the group setting up in Halifax.

But others were skeptical. One bar-goer referred to them as "mall police" while another dismissed them as "basically an organized gang."

Others said the Angels were too old or small to maintain the peace.

"If I'm getting beaten up what's that four-foot girl going to be able to do?" said one passerby.

The Angels said they were encouraged by their reception. As their night ended without incident, they all said they plan to keep coming out.

"I got bullied a bit in junior high, so I was always worried walking home. Nobody should really have to feel worried and look over their shoulder like that. So I thought this was a way I could help out and make people feel safer," said Brandon, who did not give his last name for safety reasons. Brandon, who is the youngest Angel at 18 years old, is also a Citadel High student.

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Immigration vote coming

Tory plan to ease applicant backlog still under fire

It is the nearly a million cases caught in Canada's huge immigration backlog, that has prompted Immigration Minister Diane Finley to call for "urgent action" to modernize a dysfunctional system.

The government's proposed changes to the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act are to be voted on in the coming weeks. No one disputes the long waits are unacceptable. But a growing number of immigration experts and community groups

say Finley's proposal will not reduce the backlog and will, in fact, lengthen the wait because the amendments only apply to new applications filed after Feb. 26.

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» The Tories have pledged \$109 million over five years to bring the backlog down

If passed, the legislative changes would give Finley the power to reject applications even if they meet all the criteria and instruct officials to cherry-pick immigrants. The government has embedded the controversial changes in the budget bill, turning the immigration plan into a confidence vote — a move the Grits were ill-prepared for.

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Beach Fun in the sun



A competitor sets up the ball for a spike in the semifinals of the Kits Classic Pro Beach Volleyball Tournament in Vancouver yesterday. Winners of the professional tournament advance to the Corona Extra Open — at the same beach in July — which offers \$15,000 in prize money.

RAE ARNOTT/METRO VANCOUVER

G8 eyes post-Kyoto pact

The Group of Eight rich nations will likely agree to an "aspirational" target for cutting greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 but shun mid-term goals at a July summit, the top UN climate official said yesterday.

Ministers and representatives from the G8 and major emerging countries gathered this weekend in Japan to try to build momentum for UN-led climate change talks, but

remained at odds over who should do what when.

G8 leaders agreed last year to consider seriously a goal to halve global emissions by 2050, a proposal favoured by Germany, France, Britain, Italy, Japan and Canada.

But with wide gaps within the G8 on how to share the burden for fighting the climate change that goal is unlikely to be met.

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Kyoto

» 190 nations have agreed to negotiate by 2009 a successor treaty to the Kyoto pact.

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» **AFGHANISTAN** Two separate bomb blasts hit Kandahar City yesterday, killing a teenage boy and wounding four Canadian soldiers. The soldiers were

transported to a nearby military hospital. Two of the soldiers reportedly walked in under their own power and all injuries were said to be minor.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Rights Torch hits Vancouver

Will stop in a total of 150 cities worldwide

By KRISTEN THOMPSON
Metro Vancouver

The Olympic Torch might not have stopped in Vancouver on its way to Beijing, but yesterday another flame, the Human Rights Torch, touched down in the city.

It was welcomed by around 100 protesters outside the Vancouver Art Gallery calling for an end to alleged human rights abuses in China before the Beijing Games in August.

Initiated by the Coalition to Investigate the Persecu-

Canadian cities

» The Human Rights Torch has been to 10 Canadian cities since its arrival in May.
» Vancouver is its last stop in Canada before heading to Malaysia.

tion of the Falun Gong, the torch was lit in Greece in August, and will have visited 150 cities when it makes its final stop in Hong Kong on July 20.

Apaak Clement, president of Canadian Students For Darfur and one of 15 speakers at the event, said the campaign isn't against the people of China.

"This is supporting the people," he said.

Sue Zhang, one of the organizers of the event, said

China was awarded the Olympics on the condition it improve its human rights record.

"We are not against the Olympics. We are happy that China is able to host them. But ... it's more than sport. There is a spirit behind it," she said.

"The Olympic charter is to encourage and promote the peace and dignity of all different nations and people."

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Tories shelling out for crime report

Crime might not pay, but the Conservative government says it costs. Trouble is it doesn't know how much, so it's hiring someone to find out.

Correctional Services Canada (CSC) called for proposals from outside contractors seeking someone who, for \$121,000, will tell the government what it wants to

hear ... and it appears to be looking for a really big dollar number.

The posting for the contract says the successful bidder will review "available literature" — apparently a "maximum 20 articles/reports" — that will be "provided by CSC," as well as any additional studies, to "yield an estimate of the cost of

crime and violent crime in Canada" as well as comparable numbers for the U.S., U.K. and Australia.

The posting for the contract also makes reference to more than a dozen studies CSC already has containing data relevant to an economic analysis of the costs of correctional services.

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Robert Knox, a teenage actor who will appear in the forthcoming *Harry Potter And The Half-Blood Prince*, was stabbed to death in a brawl outside a south London bar early Saturday as he tried to protect his brother Jamie, left, from a knifeman.

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Phoenix touches down

NASA probe to assess Mars' ability to sustain life

A small science probe blazed through the salmon-coloured skies of Mars yesterday, touching down on a frozen desert at the planet's north pole to search for water and assess conditions for sustain-

ing life, NASA officials said.

The spacecraft, known as Phoenix, landed at 7:53 p.m. after a do-or-die plunge through the planet's thin atmosphere and thruster-jet landing to the Mars surface. It marked the first time a spacecraft had successfully landed at one of the planet's polar regions.

"It was a hell of a lot

scarier than the two Mars rovers," NASA's space sciences chief Ed Weiler said, referring to the cushioned landings of the Spirit and Opportunity rovers.

Pulled by Mars' gravity, Phoenix was tearing along at 12,700 mph before it entered the atmosphere, which slowed the craft so it could pop out a parachute and fire

thruster rockets to gently float to the ground.

Scientists found in 2002 that Mars' polar regions have vast reservoirs of water frozen beneath a shallow layer of soil. Phoenix was launched Aug. 4, 2007, to sample the water and determine if the right ingredients for life are present.

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explosion

Blasts kills 30, hurts 38 in Iran

FIRE Thirty people died in a series of blasts followed by a blaze that engulfed a pharmaceutical plant in central Iran yesterday when a container of chemicals caught fire, the official IRNA news agency said.

Another 38 people were injured at the factory near the city of Arak, 290 kilometres southwest of the capital Tehran, many of them critically, IRNA said.

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Aftershock rocks China

At least six killed in 5.8 tremor

A strong aftershock jolted southwest China yesterday killing at least six people and injuring nearly 1,000 others, state media said, nearly a fortnight after a big earthquake killed tens of thousands in the same area.

More than 70,000 houses were toppled during Sunday's tremor in Qingchuan, Sichuan province, state tele-

vision reported. The 5.8 magnitude aftershock was epicentred 40 kilometres west-northwest of Guangyuan, the U.S. Geological Survey said.

Almost all of Qingchuan's houses had been declared unsafe after a devastating earthquake on May 12, and residents had moved into tents on the fringes of town. A mountain slope abutting the town had shown a crack, leading to fears it could smother part of the city in a

landslide.

One of Sichuan's worrisome "quake lakes", formed when landslides block a river, is also near the aftershock's epicentre in Hongguang.

Premier Wen Jiabao, who believes the overall death toll from the May 12 quake could exceed 80,000, has said the main concerns are secondary disasters like flooding and landslides, epidemics, and providing shelter for the 5 million displaced.

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Singapore Water Fools



Performing artists from the French troupe Ilotopie perform the piece *Water Fools* on the Singapore River as part of the opening celebrations of the Singapore Arts Festival.

VIVIAN PRASAD/REUTERS

Myanmar aid tied to foreign access

\$50M offered, but with conditions

French aid

» The French navy has given up the idea of trying to deliver humanitarian aid directly to Myanmar and will instead divert its cargo to neighbouring Thailand, the French Foreign Ministry said in a statement yesterday.

Myanmar was promised nearly \$50 million US in cyclone aid yesterday, but some Western donor countries said their cash was contingent on the junta keeping its word on letting in foreign aid workers and assessment teams.

"The Myanmar authorities must turn promises into action. The eyes of the world are watching," British development minister Douglas Alexander said after a landmark aid conference in the former Burma, under army rule for the last 46 years.

The United States, which deems the country an "outpost of tyranny," said it was ready to offer more than the \$20.5 million of aid sent after the May 2 cyclone that left 134,000 people dead or missing and another 2.4 million destitute.

"However, in order to do so, the government must allow international disaster assistance experts to conduct thorough assessments of the situation," U.S. envoy to Southeast Asia Scot Marciel said.

Three weeks after Nargis pounded the Irrawaddy delta, the United Nations says three in four of those most in need have yet to receive any help — and hunger and disease could send the death toll soaring if the situation does not change.

The junta, by contrast, says the relief phase of the disaster is already over.

Prime Minister Thein Sein thanked the 500 delegates from 50 countries for the help so far given, and said more would be welcome as long as it came from "genuine goodwill" and "provided that there are no strings attached nor politicization involved."

China said it was important to keep aid and politics separate in dealing with a regime that has defied all pressure to loosen its vice-like grip on power.

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Army chief picked to lead divided Lebanon

Lebanon's parliament elected army chief Michel Suleiman as head of state yesterday, reviving paralyzed state institutions after an 18-month standoff between a U.S.-backed government and the Hezbollah-led opposition.

Celebratory gunfire erupted in Beirut after Parliament Speaker Nabih Berri declared that Suleiman, the sole candidate, had won by securing 118 votes in the 128-member assembly.



Suleiman

The election was part of an agreement brokered by Qatar last week to defuse a crisis that had pushed Lebanon to the brink of civil war, with Hezbollah briefly seizing parts of Beirut and routing government partisans. At least 81 people were killed.

The Doha deal was widely seen as a setback for Washington and its allies, which had pressed for Hezbollah to be disarmed.

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» **ATTACKS** President Thabo Mbeki called South Africa's wave of deadly attacks on immigrants a "disgrace" yesterday and said his government would act firmly to curb the bloodshed. At least 50 people have died and more than 25,000 have fled to refugee centres from

the attacks.

» **AIRPLANE** An American Kalitta air cargo plane drove off the runway during take-off at Brussels' Zaventem airport yesterday and broke in two but there were no casualties, airport and fire brigade officials said.



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business



A work by Chinese artist Zeng Fanzhi sold for \$9.66 million US on Saturday, a new auction record for an Asian contemporary artwork, at auctioneer Christie's first evening sale of such art in Hong Kong.

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Saudi Aramco to invest \$129B

5-year plan nearly \$40B higher than previous estimates

State oil giant Saudi Aramco plans to invest \$129 billion US on new energy projects in the next five years, the com-

pany's executive vice president of operations said yesterday.

Saudi Arabia is the world's largest oil exporter and Aramco is expanding to increase crude, gas, refining and petrochemical capacity.

About \$70 billion US of the

total would be spent by international and domestic joint ventures, and the remaining \$59 billion US on projects solely undertaken by Aramco, Khalid al-Falih said.

The \$129 billion US figure is nearly \$40 billion US higher than previous given

expansion estimates and includes more projects, such as refinery plans in the United States and China, a second phase of the Saudi-based PetroRabigh, and a giant petrochemical plant at Ras Tanura to be built by Dow Chemical.

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Power firm making a splash

Bullfrog Power, a purveyor of "green" electricity in Ontario, has in less than three years made itself synonymous with renewable power, despite being a tiny swimmer in the province's energy pond.

The company handles a minuscule fraction of the electricity generated in the province

— just three ten-thousandths of a per cent, or 0.0003. Yet, it's de rigueur for those who wish to be on the side of the environmental angels to announce they're "bullfrogpowered."

Bullfrog buys power in bulk from wind-powered or small hydro generating stations and resells it.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Argentina Soy windfall



ENRIQUE MARICARIAN/REUTERS

Farm groups gather in a mass rally yesterday in Rosario City to protest Argentina's agricultural policy, ahead of a separate rally in support of the government's unpopular soy tax. More talks between the farmers and government are to take place this week. Many farmers have switched to high-profit soy, which accounted for \$13.5 million US in export income last year, but disagree with the government as to how to handle the soy windfall.

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» **OIL** OPEC-member the United Arab Emirates is ready to boost oil output if necessary, UAE Oil Minister Mohammed al-Hamli said yesterday. Hamli declined to say if the UAE planned to boost output in June.

» **FOOD** Mexican President Felipe Calderon said he would eliminate import tariffs on corn, rice, wheat, sorghum and other products to prevent shortages. **REUTERS**



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May 30 - June 8, 2008

www.halifax.ca/bikeweek

All week long (May 30-June 8)

Free Ferry and MetroLink rides for cyclists.

FRIDAY MAY 30

Bicycle Jamboree & Bicycle Idol Contest

7 p.m. to Midnight, Italian Cultural Centre, 2629 Agricola St., 429-0924

SATURDAY MAY 31

HRM Community Bicycle Auction

8 a.m., Devonshire Arena Halifax, 476-2244

Shubie Locks Bike Tour (21 km)

9:45 a.m., Fairbanks Centre, Shubie Park, NS Ramblers 434-1388

Police Bike Safety Rodeo for Kids

11 a.m.-3 p.m. Halifax Shopping Centre parking lot, 490-5234

SUNDAY JUNE 1

Vine, Wine and Cycle Tour

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., (\$125 + tax) Transportation to and from valley, Bicycle included, Ambassadors 425-9999

Yoga for Cyclists

9 - 10:30 a.m., The Yoga Loft, 5663 Cornwallis Street, Halifax

Pre-registration required 429-3330

Safe Cycling with Children (presentation)

10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Uncommon Kids Gear, 1030 South Park Street, 431-8543

The Bike Show

Noon - 4 p.m., Vintage Bike Display, Bloomfield Centre 2786 Agricola Street (Fielding Building) 429-0024

MONDAY JUNE 2

Bikes and Buses - Learn to Share the Road

11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Corner Grafton St., at Spring Garden, 490-6952

Bike Film Fest!

7 p.m., Contested Streets: a film about making NYC friendly to people, not cars. Park Lane Cinema, 420-4572

TUESDAY JUNE 3

Tuesday Trail Teasers (+/- 10 km)

6:45 p.m., Four trail rides in HRM, Hemlock Ravine, Cole Harbour, Bedford, CMT, www.halifax.ca/bikeweek, NS Ramblers 434-1388

Bike & Boat - St. Mary's Boat Club

4:30 - 7:30 p.m., 1 hour free boating when you arrive by bicycle. 490-4538

CAN-BIKE COURSE: Adult Learn to Ride 1

6 - 9:00 p.m., Pre-registration required. 490-6666

WEDNESDAY JUNE 4

MEC Bike to School Day

Schools compete for a bikerack & \$50 MEC gift certificates. Pre-register 464-2000

MEC Commuter Pancake Breakfast

7:00 - 9:00 a.m., MacDonald Bridge (Dartmouth) & MEC 1550 Granville Street, 421-2667

Dartmouth Historical Bike Tour (14 km)

6:45pm, Graham's Grove, Costumes welcome. Prizes! NS Ramblers, 434-1388

THURSDAY, JUNE 5

Bicycle Touring 101 with Velo Halifax

7 p.m., Citadel High (classroom #101), 453-5618

CAN-BIKE COURSE: Adult Learn to Ride 2

6 - 9:00 p.m., Pre-registration required. 490-6666

Primp and Pedal - Bike Social

7:00 p.m., Anchor Archive, 5684 Roberts Street, 494-1250

FRIDAY JUNE 6

Bike and Bowl, 5 - 9 p.m.

1 hr free bowling when you arrive by bicycle: Beazleys Lanes, South Centre Bowlerama, Bayers Road Bowlerama and Woodside Bowlerama

Friday After Work Ride, 5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. (+/- 10 km)

Dartmouth: start town clock (Alderney Library) end Celtic Corner
Halifax: start Victoria Park end Economy Shoe Shop 490-8474

SATURDAY JUNE 7

International Trails Day, 9:45 a.m. (30 - 50 km)

3 full-day trail rides in HRM. BBQ lunch. Prizes! www.halifax.ca/bikeweek, NS Ramblers

SUNDAY JUNE 8

Velo Halifax Tri-City Loop (50 km), 10 a.m.

Perks Coffee, 1781 Upper Water Street, Ride around the basin. Lunch at Celtic Corner. www.halifax.ca/bikeweek

Family/ Individual Bike Orienteering 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Shubie Park, (Fairbanks Centre entrance), \$10 per family / \$6 for individuals, NS Orienteering Assn., 454-7858

For all organized rides:

Helmets are required on all rides and children/ youth under 18 must be accompanied by / or have waiver signed by an adult.

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Chicago Bulls player Joakim Noah, left, was charged by police in Florida yesterday with possession of marijuana. Noah was also charged with carrying an open container of alcohol.

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NBA

Ginobili nets 30 to spur San Antonio

PLAYOFFS Manu Ginobili scored 22 of his game-high 30 points in the first half as the San Antonio Spurs beat the Los Angeles Lakers 103-84 in Game 3 of the Western Conference finals. The Lakers lead the best-of-seven series 2-1.

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In Brief



» **GOLF** World No. 2 Phil Mickelson conjured a magical birdie on the final hole to win his second Colonial Invitational title by a shot yesterday over Australia's Rod Pamplung.

» **MLB** Shannon Stewart finished with two hits and knocked in the go-ahead run in the fifth inning as the Blue Jays defeated the Kansas City Royals 3-1 yesterday at Rogers Centre in Toronto.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Pens shuffle deck after Game 1 loss

Dupuis bumped off Crosby's line

By MATTHEW WUEST
Metro Halifax

The Pittsburgh Penguins aren't wasting any time shaking up their lineup in the Stanley Cup final.

Penguins head coach Michel Therrien has made changes to every line, including that of Cole Harbour's Sidney Crosby, following Saturday's 4-0 loss to the Detroit Red Wings in Game 1.

Game 2 is tonight at 9.

Crosby, who had three shots and a minus-1 rating on Saturday, will have Ryan Malone on his left wing instead of Pascal Dupuis. Sniper Marian Hossa stays

on the right side.

Malone, who had skated with Evgeni Malkin and Petr Sykora, has been replaced by Maxime Talbot. Dupuis goes to the third line with Jordan Staal and Tyler Kennedy, while veteran Gary Roberts will return to the lineup on the fourth line.

"We've done it (changed lines) all season, so I don't think it's a huge deal," Crosby said in a press conference. "I don't think anybody's role changes when they change lines. It's just different looks and sometimes it depends on who coach wants to play certain lines against and how they



Crosby

match up."

Crosby said he is happy with his matchup against Detroit's top line of Pavel Datsyuk and Henrik Zetterberg.

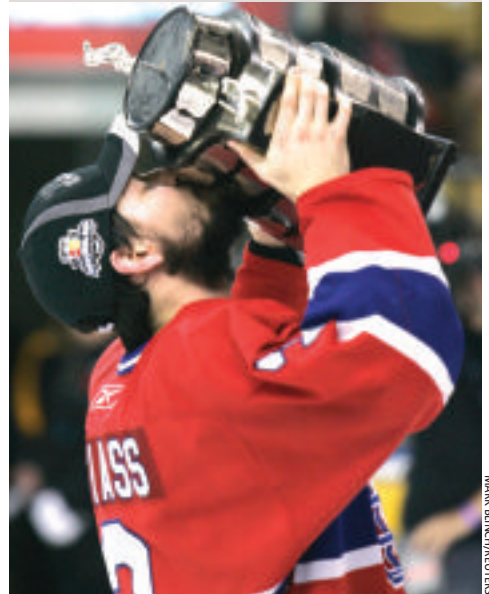
"I wouldn't change anything, to be honest," Crosby said. "We had our chances and we didn't put them in. I don't think they did a whole lot to shut us down completely."

Therrien said Game 1 was Pittsburgh's "worst performance of the playoffs" but is hopeful the line changes will help.

"Every team has to make adjustments through the course of the playoffs," Therrien explained. "We believe those adjustments are going to help us to get success."

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Oops! Chiefs win Mem Cup



MARK BLANCH/REUTERS

Chiefs player Trevor Glass kisses the trophy after Spokane defeated the host Rangers 4-1 yesterday in the Memorial Cup final in Kitchener, Ont. The cup atop the trophy became separated from its base during post-game celebrations.

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Near-perfect Dixon claims Indy

Patrick in spotlight after crashing out

Scott Dixon of New Zealand held on from pole to win the Indianapolis 500 yesterday, while Danica Patrick was knocked out of the race in a pit lane crash.

After stealing the spotlight in the buildup to the race, Patrick overshadowed the New Zealander's victory when she was taken out by Australian Ryan Briscoe during the final fuel stop.

While Dixon was speeding toward victory, the crowd stood and watched as an incensed Patrick climbed out of her car to confront Briscoe be-



JONATHAN FERRE/GETTY IMAGES

New Zealand's Scott Dixon takes the traditional drink of milk to celebrate winning the 92nd Indianapolis 500 yesterday.

fore being intercepted by track officials.

"It's probably best I didn't get there, isn't it," said Patrick, who became the first woman

to win an IndyCar race with her victory in Japan last month.

While many in the crowd of over 300,000 came to the Brickyard hoping to watch Patrick make 500 history, she would have needed something spectacular over the final laps to overtake Dixon, who ran a cool and near faultless race.

Over the last two laps it was left to Brazil's Vitor Meira to take up the challenge, hounding Dixon to the finish line and crossing 1.75 seconds behind.

"What a day, man," roared Dixon as he stepped out of his car. "I just couldn't believe it. You just thought something was going to go wrong."

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(* — if necessary)

NBA

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EASTERN CONFERENCE
BOSTON VS. DETROIT

Game 3 — Saturday
Boston 94 Detroit 80
Game 4 — Tonight

Boston at Detroit, 9:30
Game 5 — Wednesday
Detroit at Boston, 9:30
(Boston leads series 2-1)

WESTERN CONFERENCE

L.A. LAKERS VS. SAN ANTONIO

Game 3 — Last night
San Antonio 103 L.A. Lakers 84
Game 4 — Tomorrow
L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 10
(L.A. Lakers lead series 2-1)
(* — if necessary)

MLB

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

AMERICAN LEAGUE
L.A. Angels 2 Chicago White Sox 0
Minnesota 6 Detroit 1
N.Y. Yankees 6 Seattle 5
Oakland 6 Boston 3
Tampa Bay 5 Baltimore 4

Texas 2 Cleveland 1 (10 ings)
Toronto 3 Kansas City 1

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Arizona 9 Atlanta 3
Colorado 4 N.Y. Mets 1
Florida 8 San Francisco 6 (Gm 1)
L.A. Dodgers 4 St. Louis 3 (10 ings)
Philadelphia 15 Houston 6
Pittsburgh 6 Chicago Cubs 5 (11 ings)
San Diego 12 Cincinnati 9 (18 ings)
Washington 7 Milwaukee 6

TODAY'S GAMES

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Kansas City at Toronto, 1:37
N.Y. Yankees at Baltimore, 2:35
Chicago W. Sox at Cleveland, 8:05
Texas at Tampa Bay, 8:10
Detroit at L.A. Angels, 10:05
Boston at Seattle, 11:10
NATIONAL LEAGUE

Arizona at Atlanta, 2:05
Milwaukee at Washington, 2:35
L.A. Dodgers at Chicago Cubs, 3:20
Colorado at Philadelphia, 8:05
Florida at N.Y. Mets, 8:30

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& 49. Bonus 28.

Results not official

Turple roars to opening win

Enfield native holds off rivals, exhaustion for title

By **MATTHEW WUEST**
Metro Halifax

Shawn Turple has a weight off his shoulders after winning the Carquest Maritime Pro Stock Tour's season-opener.

The 29-year-old Enfield native took the checkered flag in the Lucas Oil 100 at Scotia Speedworld on Saturday, his first Carquest victory since early in the 2006 season.

"It's a very good feeling, and very relieving," he said. "It's been a long time since I had a win, but I wasn't thinking about the drought — you



Enfield's Shawn Turple took the checkered flag in the Carquest Lucas Oil 100 at Scotia Speedworld on Saturday night.

just try and win every race you enter."

Turple was lucky he didn't

fall asleep at the wheel, as the race was delayed by rain and a 10-car wreck and didn't finish

until nearly 2 a.m. yesterday. He didn't grab the lead until Lap 80, when he finally

got past Timberlea's Wayne Smith.

Smith, who won five races last season and finished second overall in the Carquest title hunt, placed fifth, while second-place Dave O'Brien of Salisbury, N.B., third-place Mike MacKenzie of Dartmouth, and fourth-place Brad Mann of Glen Livet, N.B., rounded out the top five.

Turple came second last year, missing the tour title by a hair.

"Especially after last year ... we finished second and third in five or six races and we were so close (to winning it all) ... It was good to start the season with a win," Turple said.

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hockey

Wildcats captain is top humanitarian

AWARDS Amherst's Chris Morehouse was named the Canadian Hockey League's humanitarian of the year on Saturday.

The Moncton Wildcats captain was described as a "dedicated philanthropist and role model in the greater Moncton area" who "spent countless hours visiting kids in hospitals and working with underprivileged (children's) foundations."

Morehouse, 20, had 16 goals and 16 assists for 32 points in 69 games. He also had 171 penalty minutes.

Cape Breton Screaming Eagles forward Robert Slaney was named the CHL's scholastic player of the year.

METRO HALIFAX

Jazic back on pitch for red and white

By **MATTHEW WUEST**
Metro Halifax

Bedford's Ante Jazic is back on the field with the Canadian national men's soccer team this week.

The 32-year-old defender was named to Canada's 23-man roster last week and opened training camp yesterday in Seattle in preparation for a pair of friendly matches.

Canada will face Brazil in Seattle on Saturday before heading to Fort Lauderdale, Fla., to play Panama on June 4.

Jazic recently returned to the lineup with Major League Soccer's Los Angeles Galaxy after spending more than four months on the sidelines recovering from ankle surgery.

He played 62 minutes in L.A.'s 2-1 loss to the Vancouver Whitecaps in an exhibition game in Edmonton last week, but has yet to make his MLS debut this season.

Jazic started 16 games for the Galaxy last year.



Jazic

The national team is preparing for the second stage of 2010 FIFA World Cup Qualifiers South Africa in mid-June.

In other MLS news, the New England Revolution released Halifax's Matthew Britner on Thursday. The 23-year-old defender originally signed with the Revs on April 9 after being picked in the third round (41st overall) of the MLS SuperDraft.

He didn't play an MLS game, but did make three starts with one of the Revolution's minor-league squads.

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» **FOOTBALL** Saint Mary's Huskies defensive back Marc Beswick has signed with the Canadian Football League's Winnipeg Blue Bombers. The 25-year-old was selected by Winnipeg in the fourth round (31st overall) of the CFL draft on April 30. He had a team-high four interceptions for the

Huskies last season and added 26 solo tackles.

» **RUGBY** The Nova Scotia Keltics lost 33-13 to the Quebec Caribou in their home opener of the Rugby Canada Super League season on Saturday in Spryfield. The Keltics are 0-2.

» **RUGBY** The Lockview Dragons won the Capital Region high school girls rugby championship on Saturday with a 13-7 win over the Halifax West Warriors. Amy Fraser and Jessie Moore scored tries. Both teams advance to provincials.

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Hard knocks for martial arts

Start-up school has rough start

By JON TATTRIE
for Metro Halifax

Starting your own business requires a warrior's spirit — which came in handy when Alana Green started her martial arts school in south-end Halifax two-and-a-half years ago. "I didn't have any funding," the 23-year-old black belt says, and she spent a couple fruitless months trying to get her Choi Kwang Do school up and running.

When that didn't work, she took out a Students in Business loan through the Centre for Entrepreneurship and Education, with the help of Saint Mary's University's Business Development Centre.

Part of that process was developing a business plan, which helped Green focus on her target market. She originally aimed at university students and people aged 25 to 40, but "the more I learned about the martial arts business, the more I realized the importance of having children as part of the school. They bring the

excitement and enthusiasm — and their friends and parents."

Green could be on the verge of a breakthrough — next month she and her business partner Dawson Wambolt, a former member of the Canadian Forces, are travelling to Toronto to appear on The Dragons' Den — the CBC's reality TV entrepreneurial show — to pitch a martial arts/military boot camp for ordinary people.

"It would completely change our lives," Green says of gaining the Dragons' financial backing. She describes it as "an amazing opportunity" that would put rockets on their planned growth, allowing them to take their "total fitness" program to the next level.

A key piece of advice she offers other would-be business people is to spend your



Alana Green, with partner Dawson Wambolt, advises new business owners to think hard and consider carefully where and how money is spent in the startup phase of the enterprise.

money carefully. She put a lot into advertising, but could only afford sporadic

spots.

"It just doesn't have the repetition to work. I learned

that the hard way — and that's a lot of money when you're starting out," Green says. "I thought it would be pretty easy to get 10 students in the door, but today I know that's difficult. You always have to be marketing — for me, that's a lot of networking and special programming."

Similarly, she invested a lot of money in software to help run the school, but now feels she got it too soon to make it worthwhile financially.

Asked what advice she would give her younger self, she thinks for a moment and says:

"It's OK for it to go slow, and to take your time with it. When you're starting out ... there is a sense of urgency that keeps you moving, but not always in the right direction."

Anything goes in a work contract

When it comes to employment contracts, all is fair in love and war, as pretty much anything can be incorporated into the deal. Employees should, therefore, beware of the following

terms:

PROBATIONARY PERIODS: Agreeing to a probationary period allows an employer to dismiss for reasons that would otherwise be insufficient, as long as a

proper audition is given. It needs only to show that, in its opinion, the employee was unsuitable for the position, with suitability including character, competence and compatibility.

BONUSES: If tied to annual compensation and

paid as a matter of course, seldom are bonuses truly optional. Unless a contract provides otherwise, employees cannot be deprived of this pay upon termination. And even where contracts expressly state that bonuses are not payable following termination, court cases have construed

that term to mean the date of legal termination, which can be many months following the day that the employee actively ceases work.

FIXED-TERM CONTRACTS: Employees hired to complete a defined task or for a specific term are not entitled to more employment.

NOTICE OF TERMINATION: Every employment contract includes, at a minimum, an implied rule that employees can only be fired with proper notice or severance. But (and in law there is always an exception) if a contract specifically defines some lesser period, even if manifestly unfair, the employee will often be held to that term, as it is the unfortunate bargain that he or she made.

NO CONSTRUCTIVE DISMISSAL: Once employment begins, significant and negative changes to

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the job are prohibited, without proper advance notice or employee consent. If serious changes, such as location, pay or a demotion, are imposed, the employee may reject them and sue for wrongful dismissal damages. If, however, a cleverly drafted contract can be construed as contemplating the disputed change, the employee may have to accept it.

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The voice of Lisa Simpson, actress Yeardey Smith Erikson, left, has filed for divorce from her husband of four years.

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Raising the curtain

Neptune Theatre debuts pre-prof program with Lilly

By DEAN LISK
Metro Halifax

It made him more aware of what it means to be an actor. He learned to act, mime, sing, and even dance.

"It's been fun to try dancing, which I have never done before," says Raymond Crocker. "He is a good dancer," adds Tara Reddick.

Students in Neptune Theatre's Pre-Professional Training Program, the two are about to see the curtain raise on their stage debut.

They, along with their 10 classmates, are appearing in



Students in Neptune Theatre's Pre-Professional Training Program are appearing in the play *Lilly Alta*.

the play *Lilly Alta*. — their final project after completing the eight-month Neptune Theatre School program.

"He keeps to himself in some ways," Crocker said about his role, Willy, who is one of the main characters in the play.

"He is a librarian and is kind of shy."

Set in Alberta in the 1950s, the story is about two lovers trying to free themselves from the watchful eye of the town matriarch, Mrs. Lilly.

The musical drama was written by Alberta play-

wright Kenneth Dyba.

"It's described as a classic piece of Canadian magic-realism," said director Alex McLean.

"It's kind of like *Our Town* meets *Deliverance*."

He said this play was a great selection for the pre-professional production because there are a number of interesting characters in the story.

They actually had to cut back from the original 18 roles to 12 — one for each student.

"There is a lot of juicy stuff

for the actors. It is not a play where there are just three good parts and the rest are shabby," he says.

"There is something with meat on it for everybody. It is a great show for students."

This is McLean's first time working with the pre-professional students and said it has been a great experience.

"These guys have been well-trained," he says.

"It's always exciting to see people at the beginning of their careers. There is all that enthusiasm. They are not jaded yet."

more information

» What: Neptune Theatre School's Pre Professional Training presents *Lilly Alta*.

» Where: Neptune Theatre Studio Stage

» When: Today through Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

» Tickets: \$10. Call 429-7070.

A homecoming of sorts

By DEAN LISK
Metro Halifax

He only had his drum set for a few hours — and was pretty green when it came to playing — but a teenaged Mike Belitsky was still in demand.

"My mom and I went to pick it up from a friend of mine and I paid \$90," says The Sadies drummer.

"Before I got it home, the word was out that there was another dude with a drum kit."

A Queen Elizabeth High School classmate had a punk rock band and called Belitsky to play that night at 10 at the Grafton St. Café.

"I didn't even know how to play," says Belitsky. "The guy said 'That doesn't matter. It's better.'"

The former Haligonian



The Sadies perform at The Marquee Club this Saturday.

and the rest of his Juno-nominated band are performing at The Marquee Club this Saturday night to promote the album *New Seasons*. It's the band's first time back in Halifax since opening for The Tragically Hip last year.

"It's a little extra nervous, in the last few years espe-

cially," Belitsky said about playing at home.

"People are interested in coming out to see us play, people who I haven't seen or talked to in a long time."

"So there is that extra expectation that makes for extra nerves and tempos that are a little faster."

Belitsky said his first

drum kit was a real beater, and nothing like the Ludwig Ringo Starr kit he purchased when he started to get serious about playing — and obsessed with drumming.

"I get like that about stuff. I get super obsessed where all I can do is live and sleep and think it," he says.

"I have renaissances were I get as obsessed as I was before."

"It's like a relationship; you grow into a deep love and obsession."

more information

» What: The Sadies

» Where: The Marquee Club

» When: Friday, 10 p.m.

» Tickets: \$10 in advance, \$20 on the day of the show. Call 494-3820 or at the door.

» news In Brief

» **BLUENOSING** Dartmouth's Tracey MacDonald, Pictou's Peter Anthony and Truro's Mark Walker, right, will be going on a *Bluenosers Comedy Tour* of the province this summer. The Yuk Yuk's stand-up comedians will perform at Alderney Landing on July 24 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$30, and can be purchased at the box office.

» **STAGE REALITY** Michelle Langille of Middleton and Kyla Tingley of Dartmouth are among the 48 talented young women who will be competing on CBC Television's new reality series *How Do You Solve a Problem Like Maria*. The winner of the show will play the coveted role of Maria von Trapp in the musical *The Sound of Music*. Both auditioned for the series in Toronto. The



television show will begin airing on Sunday, June 15, at 8 p.m.

» **SEVEN DAYS** Neptune Studio Theatre will play host to three performances of the French play *Les 7 Jours de Simon Labrosse*, a comedy by Quebec playwright Carol Fréchette and directed by Pascale Roger-McKeever, later this week. The play runs nightly at 8 from June 3-5. A ticket price has not been announced.

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Snipes granted bail while lawyers appeal

Actor Wesley Snipes was granted bail Thursday pending an appeal of his conviction and sentencing last month to three years in prison for failing to file income tax returns for 1999 through 2001.

Snipes had been set to surrender to federal prison

authorities during the first week of June to begin serving his sentence, and prosecutors had earlier vowed to oppose any request to allow him to remain free pending an appeal.

Judge William Terrell Hodges wrote that he was



Snipes

"dubious" of Snipes' appeal arguments. But Hodges agreed to bail, noting that Snipes otherwise could easily serve his entire sentence

before a decision could be reached on his appeal.

Snipes, who had been indicted on felony tax fraud charges, was convicted only of three misdemeanours.

At his sentencing in April, prosecutors said the actor had earned more

than \$38 million since 1999, but had filed no tax returns or paid any taxes.

The day of Snipes' sentencing, his lawyers brought checks totalling \$5 million, which they gave to Internal Revenue Service agents during a recess.

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Judge sets new Spector trial date

A Los Angeles judge has set a September date for pioneering rock producer Phil Spector's second trial on charges that he murdered actress Lana Clarkson in the foyer of his mock castle in 2003.

The jury in Spector's first trial deadlocked 10-2 in favour of a guilty verdict in September 2007, forcing Fidler to declare a mistrial, but prosecutors immediately said they would bring the case again.

Most of Spector's defence team quit in October causing delays in the retrial. The new defence team is seeking to have Fidler removed from the case, claiming he is biased against the 68-year-old rock producer.

Clarkson, 40, was found dead of a gunshot to the mouth early on the morning of Feb. 3, 2003 after Spector's driver called police to say the record producer had killed someone.

Prosecutors say Spector, who is credited with revolutionizing pop music with his early 1960s "Wall of Sound" recordings, shot Clarkson while trying to prevent her from leaving.

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music

Byrne, Feist join AIDS compilation

CAUSE David Byrne will join indie rockers including Feist, Sufjan Stevens and the Decemberists on the new Red Hot charity album for AIDS research.

The former Talking Heads front man will collaborate on two tracks with the Dirty Projectors, a combo headed by prolific singer/songwriter Dave Longstreth.

The Red Hot organization has released more than a dozen compilations since 1990 to benefit AIDS research and causes, with Byrne appearing on several over the years.

Grammy-nominated Canadian singer Feist joined forces for the project with Ben Gibbard, lead singer of current U.S. album chart champion Death Cab For Cutie.

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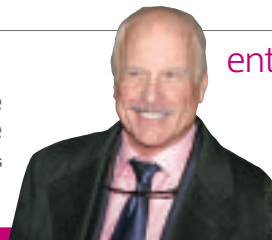
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Richard Dreyfuss, right, could soon make the trip to Oliver Stone's *White House*. He's entering final talks to play Vice-President Dick Cheney in the director's upcoming political drama *W*.

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Bringing hotel luxury home

Palette, mattress and bed linens are key elements

If we could help your home project the wonderful feeling you get when checking into a funky hotel, that would be cool, huh? And if we could prove that boutique-hotel style isn't necessarily bank-busting, then

that would be even better, n'est pas? Cue this week's episode of *The Home Show*.

First things first — the bed. Forget flimsy mat-

tresses that deny you deep, restorative slumber, and invest in a top quality model that will cosset you to the max rather than make you feel like you're sleeping on the garden wall.

Hotel rooms are designed to stimulate your power-off buttons, and are generally

decorated in neutral palettes that won't discommodate as you try to unwind. Opt for shades like Whisper Bluff or Wayside Inn by Dulux, which are calming and low key.

Oversized headboards are also perfect get-the-look fodder, so shop around for one or buy a large section of thick foam, fix it to a



A guest relaxes in a "Susan" room done in soft periwinkle blue at the Opus Hotel in Montreal; Opus Hotels also have a property in Vancouver's Yaletown. See www.opushotel.com.

piece of MDF that's the width of your bed and perhaps five-feet high, then cover it all with touchy-feely fabric.

Next up are linens — but we insist you bypass those paper-thin options and go for ones with a high-quality thread count (a measure that refers to the number of threads in each square inch

of fabric). However, thread count isn't your only guide to quality. Fabric, construction, yarn type and, of course, pattern and texture should also be deciding factors.

Now it's time to get crafty. Make a cute bed throw to match your headboard by hemming a section of fabric, then tie the

look together with cushions in almond, chocolate or caramel. Add shots of palest aqua as an interesting visual diversion.

Good lighting will make or break a hotel room, so visit www.livinglighting.com. Boxy shapes with controllable light levels are cute and will allow you to change the mood as, ahem, required. Finally, scented candles are a luxury hotel staple, so dot them around your boudoir.

Then turn on your flat screen telly (the one concealed in a wardrobe, of course) pour a glass of velvety red vino and settle down for the perfect night away — at home.

HGTV hosts Colin and Justin continue their mission of beautification with their Canadian design series *Colin & Justin's Home Show*, airing Tuesdays at 11 p.m. and Saturdays at 4 p.m. ET on HGTV. www.hgtv.ca

music

Winehouse talks about new album

IN THE WORKS Amy Winehouse describes her new album as "lovelorn," *Ananova.com* reports.

The singer has been working on the followup to 2006's *Back To Black*, apparently taking inspiration from her relationship woes.

Winehouse's husband Blake Fielder-Civil is in prison awaiting charges for grievous bodily harm.

"(It's) pretty much the same (as *Back To Black*), very atmospheric, very lovelorn and all the rest," Winehouse told the BBC about the new album.

She also hopes her husband will be able to join her for her Glastonbury performance. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



Winehouse



COLIN & JUSTIN'S INTERIOR DIVINE

metro TOP 5

Top 5 TV theme songs, Part 3:

1. Mission Impossible
2. Peter Gunn
3. Mary Tyler Moore Show
4. Twin Peaks
5. Batman

— Rick McGinnis/for Metro Halifax

movies

Chan plans film about earthquake

CAUSE Actor Jackie Chan is planning to make a film about the Chinese earthquake to raise money for survivors, reports BBC News Online. The action hero said he was meeting directors and scriptwriters to get the project off the ground.

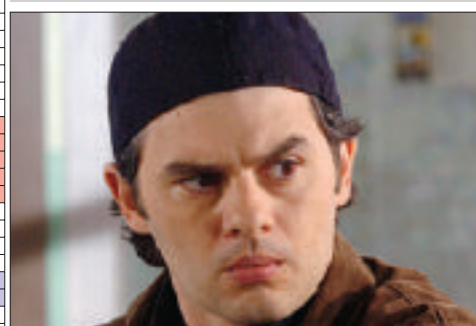
"I want to make the movie about the earthquake because there's so many touching stories," he said.

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critics' corner

Corner Gas

Hank as the Dog River ambassador? Whoever decided that needs his head examined. In "American in Saskatchewan," Hank (Fred Ewanick) is assigned to show an American around, but he stinks at it. So Brent (Brent Butt) steps in to undo the mess. Karen (Tara Spencer-Naim) decides she should finally learn to speak French, but Dog River is seriously lacking in Francophones. 12:30 PM on COM



CSI: Miami

In "Death Eminent," the government is about to seize an entire neighborhood by eminent domain when the politician backing the move is found murdered. Not only is everyone in the neighborhood a suspect, but Horatio (David Caruso) learns the judge on the case is not only crooked but has a grudge against the CSIs. Yeah, it's gonna be one of those days. 1 PM on A&E

Women in Love

This 1969 drama stars Alan Bates and Oliver Reed as best friends Rupert and Gerald, who fall in love with sisters Gudrun and Ursula (Glenda Jackson, Jennie Linden). But there are still bumps in the love and marriage road for all involved. 6 PM on PIX

World's Most Extreme Homes

London's calling. In this episode, viewers get to gawk at a five-story residence located in a gothic tower — the only part of a London church that survived a fire in the 19th century. Also up for gawking are a home built in a Cape Town tree and an abode constructed of discarded curved wood. 6:30 PM on HGTV

Blood Ties

Oh, baby! An anxious husband hires Vicki (Christina Cox) to find out what's happening to his pregnant wife — who is ensconced in a fertility clinic and refuses to see him. And he's not the only one denied access to his loved one. So posing as a married couple, Mike (Dylan Neal) and Vicki infiltrate the clinic, where she learns the women's offspring might not be human. 11 PM on SPACE

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celebritybuzz

Davis gets 'lame' deal

Kristin Davis was unhappy on the set of the *Sex And The City: The Movie* after finding out she wasn't allowed to keep her designer costumes, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress expected to collect her expensive collection of garments after the film wrapped but was disappointed when she was told the opulent items had to be returned to their fashion houses.

But Davis, who plays conservative Charlotte York in the eagerly anticipated movie, did get some fashionable treats — she was allowed to keep her character's collection of designer shoes.

She says, "I went up to get my clothes, and there were none left, because all mine were samples (and had to go back to the designers)."

"I got a really lame deal — totally coincidentally. But I got my shoes, thank God!"

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Lohan turns down fur offer

Lindsay Lohan has turned down a nightclub owner's offer to bail her out of her latest legal troubles because she insists she is innocent, imdb.com reports. Model Masha Markova has filed papers at Manhattan's State Supreme Court claiming Lohan stole her \$11,000 mink coat as she left a New York nightclub after a birthday party in January. The coat was later returned, but only after Lohan had been photographed wearing an identical fur on the same night. Nightclub boss John Englebert stepped in and offered to settle the case for Lohan, and buy her her own mink coat. But the actress insists she doesn't need his help.



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Her representative says, "She already has one (fur coat)." Adding of the coat mystery, the rep adds, "If she took it, she took it by mistake. There are worse mistakes to make."

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Shia can't kick dad out

Shia LaBeouf is having a hard time asking his dad to leave the garage of his Los Angeles home, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Vietnam veteran Jeffrey LaBeouf spends his summers living in a teepee in Montana and his winters staying with his movie star son. This year, however, the actor's father has yet to move on. The *Transformers* star admits he can't bring himself to kick his dad out.

LaBeouf, 21, says, "We've got this little air mattress set up for him. It's very comfortable."

"But now it's not winter anymore and he's still there. But I can't go there and go, 'Hey dad. Listen it's time to go back.' I can't make him leave."

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Lopez is on mommy duty

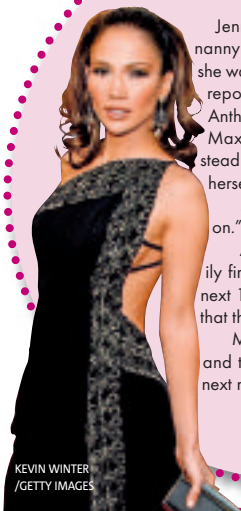
Jennifer Lopez is refusing to find a new nanny to look after her baby twins, because she wants to be a full-time mom, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The nanny Lopez and husband Marc Anthony hired to look after three-month-old twins Max and Emme left the job last month, and, instead of replacing her, Lopez is caring for the pair herself.

A friend tells *Us Weekly*, "She's beyond hands-on."

And both Lopez and Anthony plan to put family first and their careers second for at least the next 12 months: "They both told their managers that the next year would be all about family."

Meanwhile, Anthony will take his wife and twins with him when he tours Spain next month.

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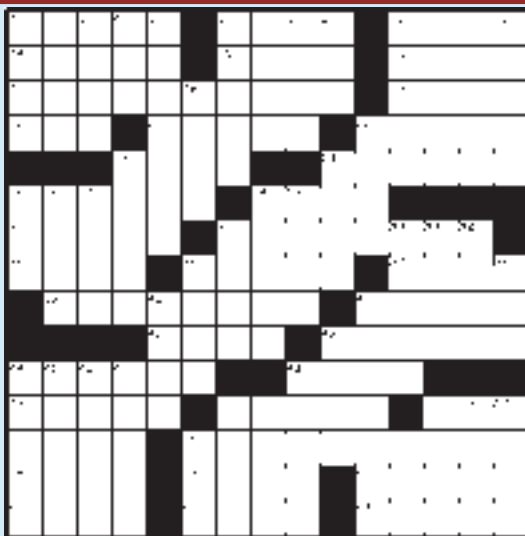
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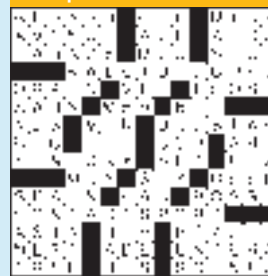
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2. Molly was taking her brothers, cousin and (I, me) to the market for her birthday.
3. The offensive-line coach was a dynamic leader. He was a master at building rapport, require with his men quickly.

PREVIOUS ANSWER

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instructions»

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Genius
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previous answer

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A selfish person will cause serious frustration. You'll understand that something can't be justified. Challenging a rule leads to indulgence.

**TAURUS** | April 21-May 21

Turn back from a bad choice before it's too late. A loved one will visit to perk you up. A woman wants to rearrange something.

**GEMINI** | May 22-June 21

Try to be gentler when anxieties are outstanding. Unexpected events keep you hopping. Fresh thinking cancels out previous training.

**CANCER** | June 22-July 22

There is a powerful person working behind the scenes. Try not to isolate yourself. You'll benefit from a friendship with a tough superior.

**LEO** | July 23-Aug. 23

An uncomplicated gadget will work best. Happy news will come your way. You know what you want to do with your life.

**VIRGO** | Aug. 24-Sept. 22

Don't play power games with a stronger opponent. Someone is angry about a broken promise. It's time to shift your attitude.

**LIBRA** | Sep. 23-Oct. 23

A happy person will dream of your future. A nighttime adventure will lead to romance. Patience can bring you fulfilment.

**SCORPIO** | Oct. 24-Nov. 22

A long-standing commitment will prevent an adventure. Stand firm when a decision is required. A lurking idealist can alter your status.

**SAGITTARIUS** | Nov. 23-Dec. 21

Share information to increase your options. You'll see the antics of a drama queen. You'll make the best of a situation.

**CAPRICORN** | Dec. 22-Jan. 20

Make contact with like-minded people. Give the lie to something that has been said. Practise willpower all through the day.

**AQUARIUS** | Jan. 21-Feb. 18

A call will have a miraculous effect. A newcomer is falling in love with your spirit. A thrilling experience makes for an exciting story.

**PISCES** | Feb. 19-Mar. 20

Stop goading someone in the name of love. A tough situation will come from a traveller. People are going berserk for no reason. AVATAR VENUS

This Day IN HISTORY

May 26, 1805: Napoléon Bonaparte assumes the title of King of Italy and is crowned in Milan.

May 26, 1889: Opening of the first Eiffel Tower elevator to the public.

May 26, 2004: The New

York Times publishes an admission of journalistic failings, saying its flawed reporting during the buildup to the 2003 war in Iraq helped promote the belief that Iraq possessed large stockpiles of weapons of mass destruction.

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Halifax weather

Afternoon



Partly cloudy.
19°

Tonight



Partly clear.
10°

Tuesday



Rain.
16°/10°

Wednesday



Rain.
13°/6°

Thursday



Partly cloudy.
15°/7°



Temperature
Normals
High: 15.4°
Low: 6°

Records
High: 28.3°/2001
Low: -0.6°/1972

Sunrise: 5:35 a.m.
Sunset: 8:47 p.m.
Moonrise: 1:13 a.m.
Moonset: 11:09 a.m.

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We are beyond thankful for everything we've received as the Marry Me, Halifax winners. When we applied for the contest, we really had no idea how amazing the experience could be. Our wedding was everything we could imagine and more, and we have a lot of people to thank for making it all happen. Everything came together so beautifully for our wedding day and it wouldn't have happened if it hadn't been for all the support we received from the Marry Me, Halifax sponsors and vendors.

We would like to personally thank:

- ~ *Casino Nova Scotia – the Compass Room was the perfect venue for our wedding.*
- ~ *One Stop Bridal Shop – Marie, you and your crew were fantastic for both making the room beautiful and for personally designing the bridesmaid's dresses.*
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- ~ *Susie's Shortbreads made the cute cookie favours that our friends and family loved.*
- ~ *Scanway made our elegant three-tiered cake that was just delicious.*
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- ~ *Golden Harp Saeed, whose beautiful harp and flute duet set the tone for our walk down the aisle.*
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Love,

Tony & Michelle Wood



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